

December 19, 2006

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced a staff report on power outages would be added to the agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Denine Garrison, 7571 Old Redmond Road #14, Chairperson Redmond City Hall Employee Association (RCHEA), expressed concerns that large scale layoffs would cause instability in the workforce and outsourcing violates the intent of the RCHEA labor contract.

Jean Rice, 1101 352 Avenue NE, Carnation, RCHEA member, said cuts diminish the community and with proposed staffing reductions, bumping rights may be enforced causing low moral and reduced productivity. She encouraged Council to pass the Mayor's proposed budget.

Linda Hussey, 12323 180 Avenue NE, asked Council to reconsider proposed program cuts and to keep the sense of community and Redmond programs intact.

Ken Weisenbach, 15810 NE 90 Way, expressed his frustration with the lack of principled compromise and respectful dialog through the budget discussions.

Phillip Bom, 9629 162 Avenue NE, stated he was disappointed in the lack of storm information and emergency accommodations for the citizens of Redmond.

Leon Hussey, 12323 180 Avenue NE, thanked Council for the cones and stop signs at darkened intersections. He said Focus magazine is one of the success stories of Redmond.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2006 and the special meeting of December 12, 2006.
- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#166150 through #166206; and
#170352 through #170951 \$1,585,354.93

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#321120 through #321492 \$3,677,607.96

- (3) approve the final plat of Cogan-Allen, PPL-L030384/PRD-L030385
- (4) approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for \$240,040 plus contingencies of \$10,000 for a total of \$250,040 for the Water Source Improvement Project - Well No. 5, Project No. 05-OW-66/100990, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement
- (5) approve the award of bid for 2006 Neighborhood Storm Drainage Improvements, Project No. 05-SD-35/100891 to Mosbrucker Excavating, Inc. for the total amount of \$66,578.80, and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract
- (6) approve the final plat of Portico Place II, PPL-L040056/PRD-L040057

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

STAFF REPORT - POWER OUTAGES

Andy Hail, Deputy Fire Chief, reported on the status of service restoration from the recent storm. He provided an overview of the response and emergency prioritization guidelines that were employed as well as shelter contingency plans that were made available during the weather related incident.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Robinson stated he had received comments about communication during and after the storm and suggested the City re-think its emergency preparedness plans in terms of erratic storms.

Councilmember Robinson questioned issues related to the Open Meetings Act in light of last Thursday's discussion.

Jim Haney, City Attorney, summarized the Council's responsibility under the Open Meetings Act.

Councilmember Cole said Redmond's sign ordinance had inadvertently placed restrictions on condominium signage on a property being developed on NE 85 Street and he would like to see the issue addressed. He also received an inquiry regarding dirt on Union Hill Road which has been resolved.

CITY OF REDMOND 2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended adoption of the 2007 State Legislative Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Ms. Allen, to adopt the City of Redmond 2007 State Legislative Agenda.

The Council engaged in a general discussion of the Legislative Agenda. There was concurrence to move the Sound Transit/RTID ballot issue to the first priority under transportation. Councilmembers agreed trans-

portation should be the first priority and the fiscal section the second priority on the Legislative Agenda.

Councilmember Cole proposed changing the language under vehicle idling. Councilmembers requested additional information for vehicle idling, Puget Sound Partnership, and annexation issues.

Councilmember McCormick suggested adding explanatory bullets under the annexation agenda item.

Councilmember Robinson asked for the Washington Joint Analytical Center item to be moved to the state legislative agenda rather than the federal legislative agenda.

Motion to approve the 2007 Legislative Agenda as amended carried unanimously (7 - 0).

RECESS

Mayor Ives declared a recess at 8:52 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

ORDINANCE - ADOPTION OF THE 2007-2008 BUDGET AND CIP

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended approving the 2007-2008 Base Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program Budget as presented to the Council on October 2, 2006 with several technical corrections as summarized in Exhibit A-1.

Mr. Haney briefly clarified the role of Council and Mayor in the budget process.

Mayor Ives said two alternatives were before the Council, including the original budget proposal and an alternative that uses one-time funding to mitigate potential risks.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Ms. Allen, to adopt Ordinance No. 2316 approving "Package A" of the 2007-2008 Budget and CIP.

Ordinance No. 2316, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, adopting the final 2007-2008 Budget of the City commencing January 1, 2007, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, and Robinson voted aye. Motion failed (2 - 5) with Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, and Vache, voting nay.

Motion by Mr. Marchione, second by Ms. McCormick, to adopt Ordinance 2316 approving "Package B" of the 2007-2008 Budget and CIP with amendments.

Motion by Mr. Marchione, second by Ms. McCormick, to amend the General Fund line on Exhibit B-2, column "Council Alternative" to read \$214,309 and column "2007-2008 Final Budget" to read \$127,319,932 and adding the words "provided that the General Fund budget is distributed to each department as described on page one of Attachment A to Exhibit B-2."

Council engaged in general discussion on the budget alternatives and the amendment.

Councilmember Robinson stated if the City is going to stay whole, revenues to support the increasing amount of services will be required.

Councilmember Allen said she did not see how Council could say Police and Fire are a high priority when new positions were not funded with ongoing money.

Ordinance No. 2316, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, adopting the final 2007-2008 Budget of the City commencing January 1, 2007, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (5 - 2) with Allen and Robinson voting nay.

ORDINANCE - ADOPTION OF 2007 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended establishing the 2007 property tax levy for general operations and the payment of debt service on voted bond issues.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Cole, to adopt Ordinance No. 2317 establishing the 2007 property tax levy for general operations and the payment of debt service on voted bond issues.

Ordinance No. 2317, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, levying property taxes for the City of Redmond for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2007, on all property, both real and personal, in said City which is subject to taxation for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the general operations and pay debt service obligations of said city for the ensuing year as required by law, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

ORDINANCE - AMENDING SECTION 5.04.080 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended increasing the business license tax effective January 1, 2007 to a total rate of \$90 per FTE and eliminating the sunset date, thereby establishing the tax on a permanent basis.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Resha, to adopt Ordinance No. 2318 increasing the business license tax effective January 1, 2007 to a total rate of \$90 per FTE and eliminating the sunset date, thereby establishing the tax on a permanent basis.

Ordinance No. 2318, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending Section 5.04.080 of the

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Redmond Municipal Code increasing business license fees; making other modification for effective administration; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

ORDINANCE - ADOPT NEW WATER/SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended increasing water, sewer, hydrant, and supplemental rates and charges, providing severability and providing effective dates of January 1, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Marchione, to adopt Ordinance No. 2319 increasing water, sewer, hydrant, and supplemental rates and charges, providing severability and providing effective dates of January 1, 2007.

Councilmember Cole said he would like to see the water billing curve change to support those on limited incomes and reward those who are trying to conserve.

Ordinance No. 2319, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending Sections 13.16.020, 13.16.030, and 13.16.040 of the Redmond Municipal Code and amending Ordinances 2236 and 2141, increasing water, hydrant and sewer rates and charges, providing for severability, and establishing effective dates was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (6 - 1) with Cole voting nay.

ORDINANCE - ADOPT NEW STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended increasing storm water

and supplemental rates and charges, providing for severability and providing effective dates of January 1, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Resha, second by Ms. McCormick, to adopt Ordinance No. 2320 increasing stormwater and supplemental rates and charges, providing for severability and providing effective dates of January 1, 2007.

Councilmember Robinson said he would not support a forty-four percent increase in rates.

Ordinance No. 2320, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending subsection 13.18.050(B) of the Redmond Municipal Code in order to increase the base rate amount for monthly stormwater utility service from \$11.50 per impervious unit to \$16.56 per impervious unit; amending Section 13.20.040 of the Redmond Municipal Code in order to increase the citywide capital facilities charge from \$400 per impervious unit to \$958 per impervious unit; adding a new Section 13.20.045 to the Redmond Municipal Code in order to establish an additional City Center capital facilities charge of \$4,292 per impervious unit; providing for severability and establishing an effective date of December 31, 2006 for such rates and charges, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (6 - 1) with Robinson voting nay.

ORDINANCE - ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 13

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended making administrative changes to sections within the Redmond Municipal Code 13.16 - Water and Sewer Rates and 13.17 - Utility Accounts, providing for severability and providing an effective date.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Ms. Allen, to adopt Ordinance No. 2321

making administrative changes to sections within the Redmond Municipal Code 13.16 - Water and Sewer Rates and 13.17 - Utility Accounts, providing for severability and providing an effective date.

Ordinance No. 2321, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, amending Sections 13.16.050, 13.16.060, and 13.17.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code and amending Ordinances 2236 and 1682, supplemental water and sewer charges, adjustments, and returned payments, providing for severability, and establishing effective dates, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

ORDINANCE - 2005-2006 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated December 19, 2006, recommended amending the 2005-2006 Budget to recognize the Business Tax Transportation Improvement Committee recommendations of June 5, 2006, developer contributions that have been received for several transportation projects, appropriation of \$500,000 from the \$1.7 million Economic Contingency for Fire overtime, additional park and recreation fee revenues, contributions for Hartman Park improvements and reimbursement and grants for commute trip reduction activities.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Marchione, to adopt Ordinance No. 2322 amending the 2005-2006 Budget.

Councilmember Cole stated that his intent was any unused portion of the appropriation of \$500,000 from the Economic Contingency Fund for Fire overtime be returned to the Economic Contingency Fund.

Ordinance No. 2322, an Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, making adjustments to City budgets, amending Ordinance No. 2234 as amended by Ordinance Nos. 2263 and 2301, was presented and read.

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Upon a poll of the Council, Allen,
Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha,
Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion
carried unanimously (7 - 0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the
Council, Mayor Ives declared the meeting adjourned at
10:49 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK